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Mrs. Courtney R. Avery
Administrator

HEALTH FACILITIES &
SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson, 2nd floor
Springfield, IL 62761

RE: Opposition to CDR 18-042, Abing Medical Group, Inc. v. Avery, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Avery,

My name is Shannen Dicks. I am the Director of Lodging Services at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. I am also a member of the Quincy community. I have a vested interest in the healthcare of this community, not only as an employee in healthcare but as a healthcare consumer. I wish to express my opposition to the above referenced CDR project.

My objection to this is of the duplication of service that is not needed in this community. Abing this duplication will not add revenue but will add an increase to healthcare cost. Care which Blessing provide especially in the fields of charity care and psychiatric services will be greatly impacted with the potential loss of revenue that will happen once these services decrease at Blessing. This duplication of services will impact employee and their families as well.

I respectfully ask that the Health Facilities and Services Review Board deny CDR application 18-042. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Shannen Dicks
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